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In re U.S. Patent Application of)
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Application Number: 10/820,782)
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Filed: April 9, 2004)
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For: **MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR**)
DEVICE, AUTOMATIC OPERATION METHOD AND)
AUTOMATION OPERATION SYSTEM OF)
SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING APPARATUS,)
AND AUTOMATIC OPERATION METHOD OF CMP)
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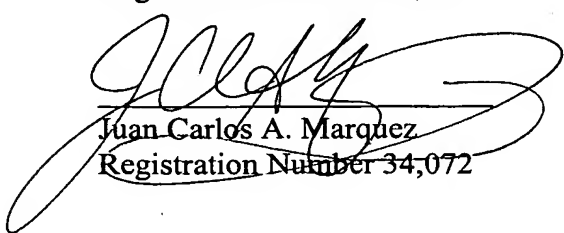
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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
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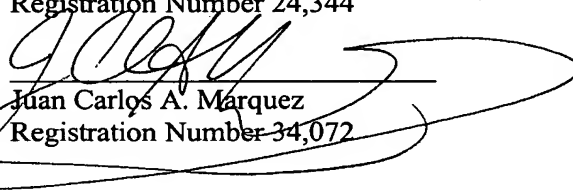
Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of April 11, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2003-107658.

The certified copy of corresponding Japanese patent application 2003-107658 is being submitted herewith. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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